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REMARKS

Claims 12-83 stand rejected solely under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-14 of USP No. 6,728,475 (" '475 claims"). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The Examiner alleges that the "difference between claims 12-83 of the present application and claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,728,475 is that claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,728,475 further recite that the reproduced picture is displayed." Based on this allegation, the Examiner sets forth the rejection on the assertion that "eliminating an element and its function is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art." As a preliminary matter, the Examiner's basis for making this rejection is traversed in that the '475 claims do not recite that the reproduced picture is displayed. The '475 claims do not recite a displaying step. In any event, it is respectfully submitted that claims 12-83 are patentably distinct over the '475 claims. For example, the '475 claims are completely silent as to, *inter alia*, outputting a reproduction picture repeatedly. New independent claims 84 and 98 are submitted to also be patentable as none of the cited prior art disclose or suggest the novel combination of features recited therein.

CONCLUSION


Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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